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DISPROPORTIONATE GROWTH RATIO BETWEEN ECONOMY AND POPULATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of population exceeds the rate of economic growth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rapid population growth is a major cause of poverty in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the ratio of economic growth and population growth in the country in the last 10 years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): No Sir. The economic growth of the country as measured by the Gross Domestic Product at constant prices during 1991 to 2001 was 5.6% as compared to population growth of 1.97% during the same period.

(b): Does not arise

(c) & (d): In addition to population growth, economic growth and its distribution across occupations, sectors and regions also need to be taken into account to explain the incidence of poverty in the country.

(e): The ratio of economic growth to population growth in the country during this period has been estimated as 2.8:1.